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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: R. Boucher
Serial No.: 10/087,355
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For:

Group Art Unit: 1617
Examiner: S. Wang

COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OF
AIRWAY DISEASES AND FOR THE DELIVERY OF AIRWAY
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AMENDMENT
ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action (the Action) dated September 10, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claim.

51. (New) A method for treating cystic fibrosis in a subject in need of such treatment, comprising administering at least one osmotically active compound to an airway surface of the subject in an amount effective to increase the volume of liquid on the airway surface;

wherein the at least one osmotically active compound comprises potassium bicarbonate; and

wherein the administering step is by inhalation.

Remarks

This Amendment is Responsive to the Action dated September 10, 2002, please reconsider this application in view of the following election and remarks.

Claims 1, 14-21, and 31-50 are pending in this application. The Action states that the Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species from